Syra Flaxman-Ali



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Overview

Syra Flaxman-Ali is a family barrister who joined 3PB in January 2026. Syra's busy caseload covers all areas of family law matters, regularly acting in Children Act and Family Law Act proceedings.

Syra receives excellent feedback for her great approach to her clients, advising in a firm yet compassionate manner.

She handles cases herself and has also been led by more senior counsel, including recently acting as second junior for the children in a complex and lengthy fact-finding hearing concerning non-accidental injury in the reported case of *A Local Authority v Mrs H (Mother to V) & Ors [2025] EWFC 316,* where a baby had sadly died and medical evidence indicated multiple incidents of trauma. There were a number of parties involved, and Syra was crucial in the analysis and consolidation of large volumes of their phone records, which acted as important evidence for the Court's consideration.

Prior to pupillage, Syra worked as a County Court Advocate, whilst continuing to volunteer at her University Law Clinic, which included assisting a parent in a protracted Children Act matter, for which Syra was named Best Alumni Volunteer of 2022. Syra has maintained her commitment to pro bono since joining Chambers, regularly taking instructions from Advocate.

In her free time, Syra loves baking, surfing, and going on muddy walks with her dog.

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Recommendations

"Syra from 3PB was miraculous today. She managed a highly charged situation effectively; speaking to the client with care and compassion but still keeping focus and clarity. She allowed the client time to process information and was very calm but also connected with us all on a human level."
Ms Stone, Friend of Client

Academic qualifications

- LLM and BTC, Distinction, BPP Law School
- SQE Part 1, Top Quintile, SRA
- LLB Law, First Class, University of Bristol

Scholarships

- Exhibition Scholarship, Inner Temple

Professional qualifications & appointments

- FLBA Advocacy for Vulnerable People and Children course
- Accredited Civil and Commercial Mediator
- Lexis Library Online Research Certification

Professional bodies

- Family Law Bar Association (FLBA)

Expertise

Family

Syra Flaxman-Ali is a busy junior family barrister who is regularly instructed in the full range of family disputes including private children, public children, injunctions, and finance cases.

Reported Cases:

A Local Authority v Mrs H (Mother to V) & Ors [2025] EWFC 316: Acted as second junior for the children in a complex and lengthy fact-finding hearing concerning non-accidental injury, where medical evidence indicated multiple incidents of trauma and the Court was faced with several possible perpetrators.

Hampshire County Council v A Mother & Ors [2026] EWFC 72: Acted as second junior for the children where a baby had sadly died. This case involved complex medical evidence and rare clinical presentation, and the Court concluded on the balance of probabilities that this was caused by an accidental fall rather than infliction.

Private Children

Syra represents both parents and children in private children matters and is particularly adept at dealing with vulnerable clients and those making allegations of domestic abuse.

Re M: Syra successfully argued against a Prohibited Steps Order being made that would prevent contact between her client's partner and the children, which would have otherwise had significant consequences on the relationship and contact the children could have with their father.

Re T: Syra represented the child at a hearing where both parents were litigants in person. Syra held constructive discussions outside of Court which resulted in an agreed final order, concluding what had been very long and protracted proceedings.

Public Children

Syra regularly acts for local authorities and children in public law matters, including at contested final hearings. Syra also takes instructions for parents, appreciating the extremely difficult position they find themselves in, and endeavouring to secure the best possible outcome.

Re M: Syra recently obtained care and placement orders for a local authority in a finely-balanced case, where the parents had begun to make some of the necessary changes, but the local authority considered this could not be sustained or evidenced within the children's timescales, with which the Court agreed.

Re O: Syra represented the child at a final hearing, where the Local Authority's care plan was incongruent with the Guardian's recommendations and the wishes and feelings of the child. At an early stage of the hearing, Syra robustly highlighted the flaws in the Local Authority's case, resulting in a strong indication from the Court and the Local Authority amending its care plan as sought by the Guardian.

Injunctions

Syra takes instructions for Family Law Act matters, representing both applicants and respondents robustly.

P v P: Syra acted for the applicant in a two-day contested Non-Molestation Order application, securing a final order for her client, with the Court making findings against the respondent and agreeing to extend the period of operation of the order significantly to protect both the applicant and her child.

Finance

Syra also takes instructions on financial matters, and works particularly hard at the FDR stage to try to achieve a beneficial settlement for her client where possible, to relieve clients from the stress of litigation and allow them to start to move on with their lives.

D v D: Syra achieved a positive settlement for her client where purchasing a property outright was incredibly important to them, but the assets were limited.

L v T: Syra acted pro bono, achieving a settlement which enabled the client to continue living in the family home with her child for a period of time, giving the client the breathing space needed to plan for the future.